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For: Absorbent Articles Having Wetness Date: 8/13/01  
Indicating Graphics Incorporating A  
Training Zone

### Preliminary Amendment

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner preliminarily amend the specification and claims of the instant application as indicated below.

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#### In the Claims

Please cancel claims 25, 27-29, 32-37 and 41-42 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter claimed thereby.

Please amend claim 23 as follows:

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23. (once amended) The absorbent article of claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein the active object graphic comprises an appearing graphic that becomes significantly more visible when exposed to [the] an environment during use and prior to contact with urine.

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#### Remarks

Claims 1-24, 26, 30, 31 and 38-40 are presented for the Examiner's consideration. Claim 23 has been amended for reasons concerning antecedent basis. A **Clean Version Of Pending Claims** resulting from this Amendment is enclosed and made a part hereof. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 was rejected in the parent application based on U.S. Patent 4,022,211 issued May 10, 1977 to Timmons et al. ("Timmons"). The Examiner noted that Timmons discloses "a permanent graphic (blocks, 22)." Paper Number 6, page 4. Claim 1, however, recites a "permanent character graphic," which is defined in the present specification beginning at page 6, line 10. The role and significance of the character graphic in the toilet training process is discussed in the specification